



Texas Education Agency | Emergent Bilingual Support Division

Comprehensive Professional Development Plan and Allowable Use of Bilingual Education Allotment (BEA) Funds Bilingual Education Exceptions and ESL Waivers

Allowable Use of Bilingual Education Allotment (BEA) Funds for Comprehensive Professional Development Plan When Applying for Bilingual Education (BE) Exception (10%) and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) Waiver (10%) § Z

Local Education Agencies (LEAs), including school districts, districts of innovation, and open-enrollment charter schools, must apply for a bilingual education (BE) exception and/or an English as a Second Language (ESL) waiver in cases where they have an insufficient number of appropriately certified staff to serve emergent bilingual students in accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 29 and Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAQ, Chapter 89). LEAs that apply for a BE exception and/or an ESL waiver must develop a comprehensive professional development (PD) plan targeting the competencies needed to serve the needs of emergent bilingual students. Furthermore, LEAs applying for a BE exception must assure that they will use a minimum of 10% of their BE allotment (BEA) funds for PD provided through the comprehensive PD plan. Similarly, LEAs applying for an ESL waiver must assure that they will use a minimum of 10% of their BEA funds for PD provided through the comprehensive PD plan. In cases where an LEA has applied for both a BE exception and an ESL waiver, the LEA must assure that it will use a minimum of 10% of BEA funds for PD provided through the comprehensive PD plans.

The table below details allowable use of BEA funds for fulfilling this minimum percentage requirement (10% if applying for a BE Exception or an ESL Waiver) (see both BE Exception and an ESL Waiver). LEAs may select from the options in the table below when expending BEA funds to provide targeted PD in compliance with statutory requirements, which are provided for your reference at the end of this document. LEAs that are not applying for a BE Exception or an ESL Waiver may also use BEA funds for the purposes listed in the table below. NOTE: There are other allowable uses of BEA funds; this document only lists the allowable use of BEA funds in the area of professional development.

Resource [Funding Guidebook](#)



Examples of Allowable Use of Bilingual Education Allotment (BEA) Funds for Comprehensive PD Plan
When Applying for a BE Exception (10%) and/or ESI Waiver (10%)

Use	Examples
Professional Development targeting competencies needed to serve the needs of	



Legal Authorities and Requirements

19TAC§89.1207(a)(1)(E) pertaining to bilingual education exceptions and